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1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee			
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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims below	Fee from below	Fee Paid
		-20** =		
		- 3** =		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2281 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2263 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 530	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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